

Assertions regarding Mode of Existence¹ of PHENOMENA according to Buddhist Tenet Schools

¹{1A - Truly Existent / 1B - Not Truly Existent. 2A - Ultimately Existent / 2B – Not Ultimately Existent.

3A - Existing by Way of their Own Characteristics / 3B – Not Existing by Way of their Own Characteristics.

4A - Existing Inherently, *i.e.*, Existing from its Own Side / 4B - Not Existing Inherently, *i.e.*, Not Existing from its Own Side /

5A - being Merely Imputed by conceptual consciousness/ 5B - Not being Merely Imputed by conceptual consciousness }

	TWO LOWER TENET SCHOOLS		TWO HIGHER TENET SCHOOLS			ASSERT THAT:
assertion	<i>Vaibashika</i> – Great Exposition	<i>Sautantrika</i> – Sutra School	<i>Chittamatra</i> – Mind Only	<u><i>Madhyamika</i> – Middle Way</u>		“1A/5B” Phenomena
				<i>Svantantrika</i> - Autonomy	<i>Prasangika</i> - Consequence	
1A	All phenomena	Impermanent (<i>i.e.</i> , <i>functioning things</i>)	<i>Other Powered</i> (<i>i.e.</i> , <i>Impermanents</i>) & <i>Thoroughly Established</i> (<i>i.e.</i> , Emptiness)			Truly Exist
1B		Permanent	<i>All Imputed</i> , (<i>i.e.</i> , <i>Permanents other than</i> <i>Emptiness</i>)	All phenomena	All phenomena	Do <u>Not</u> Truly Exist
2A	phenomena that, when physically broken up or mentally separated, do not lose their original identity.	Impermanent	<i>Other Powered &</i> <i>Thoroughly Established</i>			Ultimately Exist
2B	phenomena that, when physically broken up or mentally separated, lose their original identity.	Permanent	<i>All Imputed</i>	All phenomena	All phenomena	do <u>Not</u> Ultimately Exist
3A	All phenomena	All phenomena	<i>Other Powered &</i> <i>Thoroughly Established</i>	All phenomena		Exist by Way of their Own Characteristics
3B			<i>All Imputed</i>		All phenomena	do <u>Not</u> Exist by Way of their Own Characteristics
4A	All phenomena	All phenomena	All phenomena	All phenomena		Exist Inherently, <i>i.e.</i> , Exist from their Own Side
4B					All phenomena	do <u>Not</u> Exist Inherently, <i>i.e.</i> , do <u>Not</u> Exist from their Own Side`
5A		Permanent	<i>All Imputed</i>		All phenomena	are Merely Imputed by conceptual consciousness
5B	All phenomena	Impermanent	<i>Other Powered &</i> <i>Thoroughly Established</i>	All phenomena		are <u>Not</u> Merely Imputed by conceptual consciousness